Sl. No.	Districts	Blocks/Towns
4.	Ganjam	Aska, Hinjili, Kodala, Khahkote, Sanakhemundi, Digapahandi, Purusottampur, Sergarh, Polsara, Kabisuryanagar, Dharakot, Bhanjanagar, Soroda, Belguntha, Sadar, Buguda, Jaganath Prasad, Chikiti, Kukudakhandi, Rangeilunda, Chatrapur, Patrapur
5.	Koraput	Koraput
6.	Dhenkanai	Kamakhyanagar, Odapada, Kanakadahad, Hidnol
7.	Puri	Satyabadi, Astarang, Gop, Kanas, Puri Sadar, Delang, Brahmagiri, Kakatpur, Puri Urban
8.	Cuttack	Cuttack Urban
9.	Jagatsinghpur	Paradeep Urban
10.	Balasore	Balasore Sadar, Balasore Urban
11.	Khurda	Banapur, Bhubaneswar Urban

Adulteration in bottled water

503. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that bottled water available in various markets in Delhi and other places contains harmful pesticides;

(b) if so, whether the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration has totally failed to check such adulteration in bottled water;

(c) whether Government have fixed any responsibility on PFA department about the adulteration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Packaged Drinking Water

has been declared as an item of food under PFA Act, 1954 vide notification GSR No. 202 (E) dated 21.3.2001. Prior to that packaged Drinking Water was not an item of food and hence was not covered under PFA Act, 1954.

The standards for Packaged Drinking Water and Mineral Water have been prescribed under PFA Rules, 1955 inline with the standards prescribed by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). These products are under compulsory Certification Scheme of BIS.

As per the standards, Presticide Residue should be "below detectable limits" when tested in accordance with relevant methods as prescribed by BIS.

The samples of Packaged Drinking Water and Mineral Water analyzed as per BIS method were conforming to the prescribed level of Presticide Residue. However, in an independent study by Centre for Science Environment, New Delhi, samples of Packaged Drinking Water and Mineral Water were stated to contain Pesticide Residue because of difference in the test method adopted by CSF.

The standards of Packaged Drinking Water and Mineral water have been reviewed on the advise of BIS and a draft notification has been published vide GSR No. 111(E) dated 18.2.2003 proposing following amendments:

(i) Pesticide residues considered individually - 0.0001 mg/litre.

(The analysis shall be conducted by using Internationally established test methods meeting the residue limits specified herein above).

(ii) Total Pesticide residues - 0.0005 mg/litre.

(The analysis shall be conducted by using Internationally established test methods meeting the residue limits specified herein above)."

It is informed by the Government of NCT of Delhi that they have analysed 117 samples of Packaged Drinking Water and Mineral Water. In all the samples, Pesticide Residue were not detected by the method of analysis prescribed by BIS.